Mr. President.—One of the reasons for not introducing the colour box system is this. It is used only where there are distinct party organisations. Government have no reason to think that there are such kinds of organisations in the State.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—In the light of the statement made by the Chair, will the Government reconsider their position if the elections are contested by parties under party system?

Mr. President.—I said that is one of the reasons. If the Government think it is necessary, they will certainly reconsider their decision.

General election—Legislative Council—Preliminary list of voters—Publication of.

6. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the preliminary list of voters for the next general election will be published;

(b) when the preliminary list has to be published in order to conduct the elections in Edavam 1113?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—(a) Under the tentative programme drawn up by Government, the preliminary electoral rolls are to be published in the 1st week of February 1938.

(b) There is no rule as to when the preliminary roll should be published. The date of publication has to be fixed by the Diwan. See rule 6 (b)—Schedule III—Legislative Council Electoral Rules.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—With reference to sub-section (b) may I know whether the Government is in a position to tell us when approximately the preliminary electoral rolls will have to be published in order to conduct the elections? It is said here there are no rules.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—The answer is already given there. There is already a programme drawn up and according to that programme, the preliminary electoral roll has to be published by the first week of February 1938. Government have no reason to think that that programme will not be adhered to.

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